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2012 Excellence In Practice Awards

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is accepting nominations for the **2012 Excellence In Practice Awards**, to be presented at the *2012 Michigan Career Education Conference* to be held February 5, 6, and 7, 2012 at the Renaissance Marriott in Detroit.

This year, we are pleased to announce that there are two categories of awards. The **Career and Technical Education Excellence in Practice Award** recognizes a successful, exemplary state-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that demonstrates outstanding outcomes, produces measurable results, and leads to documented success in employment or postsecondary education/training. The **Career and College Readiness Initiative Excellence in Practice Award** recognizes outstanding practices, programs, or services that demonstrate exemplary support of career/college planning for students (that include their interests, abilities, and skills), promotion of high academic expectations, and linking secondary course taking (including CTE) to preparation for postsecondary education and careers.

To nominate a CTE program or Career and College Readiness Initiative, please respond to each of the following, providing details, evidence, and data to support the application.

- 1) What are the exemplary features and outstanding outcomes of the program or initiative?
- 2) Describe how the school/business/community partnerships associated with this program or initiative contributes to its success.
- 3) Describe how this program or initiative supports the attainment of the rigorous academic competencies required for post high school success.
- 4) Describe how this program or initiative utilizes secondary/postsecondary links/partnerships to prepare students for successful transition into postsecondary education or training.
- 5) Describe the opportunities for students to develop school/community leadership skills within this program or initiative.

Your response should not exceed five pages, with single-spaced, readable font, and **must be accompanied by the attached cover page.** All data tables, graphs, illustrations, etc. must be included within this page limit.

An MDE/OCTE committee will review all applications submitted and select one CTE program and one Career and College Readiness initiative that best demonstrate exemplary practices. Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, **November 1, 2011.**

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Recipients of each award will receive five (5) free conference registrations in addition to the award. *Recipients of each award will be expected to conduct a breakout session during the conference describing their promising practice(s) and answering questions from others interested in replicating their successful program or initiative.*

All nominations must include a CEPD Administrator signature endorsing the application. Please feel free to call Norma Tims at (517) 241-2091 if you have any questions.

Attachments